

## **ORALLY ADMINISTERED SMALL PEPTIDES SYNERGIZE STATIN ACTIVITY**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0287] This invention provides novel peptides that ameliorate one or more  
5 symptoms of atherosclerosis. The peptides are highly stable and readily administered via  
an oral route. The peptides are effective to stimulate the formation and cycling of pre-beta  
high density lipoprotein-like particles and/or to promote lipid transport and detoxification.  
This invention also provides a method of tracking a peptide in a mammal. In addition, the  
peptides inhibit osteoporosis. When administered with a statin, the peptides enhance the  
10 activity of the statin permitting the statin to be used at significantly lower dosages and/or  
cause the statins to be significantly more anti-inflammatory at any given dose.

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